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- Heavy rain and a tornado November 16 knocked out electricity to about 35,000 customers, caused damage to a Halliburton Plant in Pampa, and led to the derailment of four BNSF Railway cars in Miami, Texas. – *Associated Press; KERA 13 Dallas* (See item **1**)

- Interstate 94 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was shut down for approximately 3 hours November 16 due to nearly 300 protestors who took part in a demonstration following a November 15 officer-involved shooting of an individual. – *CNN* (See item **3**)

- Arkansas-based Tyson Foods Inc., recalled November 17 about 52,486 pounds of its chicken wings after consumer reports revealed the product had an "off-odor" scent and mild illness associated with consumption. – *U.S. Department of Agriculture* (See item **6**)

- Education Management Corp., will pay $95.5 million to resolve allegations that it violated the Higher Education Act and False Claims Act November 16 by unlawfully recruiting students using high pressure boiler room strategies. – *USA Today* (See item **16**)

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Energy Sector

1. *November 17, Associated Press; KERA 13 Dallas* – (Texas) **Storms pound north Texas, leaving thousands without power; tornadoes hit Texas Panhandle.** Heavy rain and a tornado November 16 knocked out electricity to about 35,000 customers, caused damage to a Halliburton Plant in Pampa, and led to the derailment of four BNSF Railway cars near the town of Miami, Texas. Officials also reported that a chemical leak at the plant was cleared and the complex was deemed safe.
   Source: http://keranews.org/post/storms-pound-north-texas-leaving-thousands-without-power-tornadoes-hit-texas-panhandle

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

2. *November 16, Reuters* – (National) **Fund manager Virtus to pay $16.5 million to settle false-advertising charges.** Connecticut-based Virtus Investment Advisers agreed to pay the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission $16.5 million to settle charges for falsifying performance claims through exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and using hypothetical data to inflate the fund's track record to boost their investment strategy November 16. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating whether advisors may have potentially misled investors with false performance data.
   Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/16/virtus-funds-fine-idUSL1N13B1PV20151116

Transportation Systems Sector

3. *November 17, CNN* – (Minnesota) **Shooting: Demonstrators shut down Minneapolis interstate.** Interstate 94 in Minneapolis was shut down for approximately 3 hours November 16 due to nearly 300 protestors who took part in a demonstration following a November 15 officer-involved shooting of an individual. Protestors damaged squad cars, and an investigation into the shooting is ongoing.
   Source: http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/17/us/minneapolis-jamar-clark-police-

shooting/index.html

4. *November 16, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Police defend nearly 10-hour shutdown of southbound I-95.** Interstate 95 in Miami was shut down for approximately 10 hours November 16 following a shooting that occurred on the interstate between 2 vehicles that left 1 person dead and a second person injured. Source: http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/miami-dade/fl-95-miami-closed-20151116-story.html

5. *November 16, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Person struck, killed by Caltrain in Santa Clara.** Caltrain officials stopped trains for several hours due to an investigation after a commuter train hit and killed a person near the Santa Clara station November 16.
Source: http://abc7news.com/traffic/person-struck-killed-by-caltrain-in-santa-clara-/1087573/

For another story, see item **1**

Food and Agriculture Sector

6. *November 16, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Tyson Foods Inc. recalls chicken product due to possible adulteration.** Pine Bluff, Arkansas-based Tyson Foods Inc. issued a recall November 17 for approximately 52,486 pounds of 28-ounce bags of chicken wings after consumer complaints reported the product had an "off-odor" scent as well as mild illness associated with consumption.
Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-141-2015-release

7. *November 16, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **2-alarm fire damages Richmond grocery store.** Fire crews battled a 2-alarm fire for nearly 2 hours at the Mi Tierra Super Mercado supermarket in Richmond, California November 16 after the fire began on the first floor and spread to the second floor. Smoke and water damages total $1.5 million.
Source: http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2015/11/16/2-alarm-fire-damages-richmond-grocery-story/

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

8. *November 17, Associated Press; Kingston Daily Freeman* – (New York) **Over 50,000 gallons of sewage pour into Hudson Valley stream.** The New York Department of Environmental Conservation reported November 16 that over 50,000 gallons of sewage flowed into a Hudson Valley stream and into the city's waterway. The overflow was reportedly caused by a clog in a nearby tunnel and crews worked to locate the blockage.
Source: http://poststar.com/news/state-and-regional/over-gallons-of-sewage-pour-into-hudson-valley-stream/article_25b3fd18-db24-5fa1-b1d7-89331dbf5da3.html

9. *November 16, Greer Today* – (South Carolina) **Thousands without water, boil alert in effect.** A boil water advisory was initiated November 16 until at least November 17 in Greer, South Carolina, after a water main break at a Greer Commission of Public Works water treatment site near Lake Cunningham caused approximately 20,000 residents to lose water. Crews worked to repair the leak and get water pressure back to normal levels.
Source: http://greertoday.com/greer-sc/thousands-without-water-boil-water-alert-in-effect/2015/11/16/

10. *November 16, WGHP 8 High Point* – (North Carolina) **15,000 gallons of wastewater spills into Oak Hollow Lake in High Point.** The High Point communications director announced November 16 that approximately 15,000 gallons of wastewater spilled into Oak Hollow Lake in High Point November 15. City officials reported that the spill was caused by vandalism.
Source: http://myfox8.com/2015/11/16/15000-gallons-of-wastewater-spills-into-oak-hollow-lake-in-high-point/

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

11. *November 16, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Feds file charges against 28 in 'sprawling health care fraud scheme' in Dallas area.** The U.S. Attorney's office in Dallas announced November 16 that 28 individuals signed documents indicating guilty pleas for charges stemming from an alleged health care fraud scheme where the group fraudulently billed the government for $9.5 million in false claims and received $8.7 million in return. The ring filed the fraudulent claims through the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Worker Compensation Programs, and the scheme involved health care professionals, government workers, and independent claims consultants.
Source: http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2015/11/feds-file-charges-against-28-in-sprawling-health-care-fraud-scheme-in-dallas-area.html/

12. *November 16, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **FDA orders recall under consent decree for all Custom Ultrasonics automated endoscope reprocessors.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration ordered Custom Utrasonics November 16 to recall all of its automated endoscope reprocessors (AERs) following an April inspection that found continued violations of Federal law, including violations that could increase the risk of infection transmission, and a consent decree entered with the company in 2007. The devices were issued to hospitals and medical facilities nationwide.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm472940.htm

Government Facilities Sector

13. *November 17, Athens Post* – (Ohio) **Monday morning at Ohio University interrupted by campus-wide power outage.** A November 16 power outage knocked out service to at least 31 Ohio University campus buildings for approximately 3 hours, with the exception of 3 dormitories that had service restored about 10 hours after the initial outage. Classes were cancelled and school officials reported that the outage was

caused by a squirrel.
Source: http://www.thepostathens.com/news/monday-morning-at-ohio-university-interrupted-by-campus-wide-power/article_a2628d00-8cb8-11e5-b321-637c4e80da48.html

14. *November 16, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Argo HS students evacuated due to gas main break.** Students were evacuated and classes were cancelled at Argo High School in Summit, Illinois, November 16 due to a gas main break caused by utility crews near the campus.
Source: http://abc7chicago.com/news/argo-hs-students-evacuated-due-to-gas-main-break/1087037/

15. *November 16, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Search continues for possibly armed Washington College student.** Washington College's Eastern Shore campus in Maryland cancelled classes and went on lockdown November 16 while police searched for a missing student believed to be armed after the student's parents reported that he left home with a firearm. School officials announced that there was never any direct threat towards the college and that normal operations will resume November 17.
Source: http://www.wbaltv.com/news/washington-college-closed-after-gun-threat/36471940

16. *November 16, USA Today* – (National) **Education giant agrees to $95 million settlement.** The U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Education, and state officials announced November 16 that Education Management Corp., will pay $95.5 million to resolve allegations that the for-profit education company violated the Higher Education Act and False Claims Act by unlawfully recruiting students using high pressure boiler room strategies, including paying admissions personnel based on the number of students enrolled.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/11/16/education-giant-edmc-to-pay-95-million-in-settlement/75876574/

For another story, see item **11**

Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

17. *November 17, Securityweek* – (International) **Poor backend security practices expose sensitive data.** Researchers at the Technical University of Darmstadt in Germany discovered more than 18.6 million records of security risks associated with the use of Backend-as-a-Service (BaaS) offerings including extrapolation of an ID and an undisclosed key for authentication from a victims' mobile application that allows attackers access to the backend with the same privileges as the application.
Source: http://www.securityweek.com/poor-backend-security-practices-expose-sensitive-data

18. *November 17, Securityweek* – (International) **Flaw in D-Link switches exposes corporate networks: Researchers.** Security researchers from Elastica's Cloud Threat Labs discovered a flaw in DGS-1210 Series Gigabit Smart Switches from D-Link that can be exploited by remote attackers to access backup files found on the flash memory and the web server, where log and configuration files are stored, with any authentication credentials if the attackers identify the targeted device's Internet Protocol (IP) address.
Source: http://www.securityweek.com/flaw-d-link-switches-exposes-corporate-networks-researchers

19. *November 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cyber crooks actively hijacking servers with unpatched vBulletin installations.** Symantec researchers discovered that attackers are using a patched zero-day flaw that affects vBulletin Connect versions 5.1.4 through 5.1.9, to remotely execute code on a vulnerable server by first downloading and executing a multipurpose malicious shell script, filesender1.sh onto a vulnerable server via a single Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) request.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=19113

20. *November 17, Securityweek* – (International) **Automation fuels onslaught of web app attacks: Report.** Imperva released its Web Application Attack Report (WAAR) revealing that more than 75 percent of analyzed applications were targeted by automated attacks via SQL injection (SQLi), remote file inclusion (RFI), remote code execution (RCE), directory traversal (DT), cross-site scripting (XSS), spam, file upload (FU), and Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) reconnaissance, to compromise users and steal sensitive information as cybercriminals leverage automated tools, making SQL injections attacks 3 times higher this year than previous years.
Source: http://www.securityweek.com/automation-fuels-onslaught-web-app-attacks-report

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: http://www.it-isac.org

Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

21. *November 17, WPMT 43 York* – (Pennsylvania) **Man charged in 10 robberies in Chester and Lancaster counties.** Lancaster police arrested a man for his alleged scheme in 10 armed robberies targeting Chester and Lancaster county Family Dollar and Dollar General stores from January 14 – November 1.
Source: http://fox43.com/2015/11/17/man-charged-in-10-robberies-in-chester-and-

22. *November 16, Livingston County Daily Press & Argus* – (Michigan) **Fire closes Genoa Twp. McDonald's.** A November 16 fire prompted the evacuation and closure of a McDonald's restaurant in Genoa Township until further notice after a fire began in one of the frying machines. Fire crews contained the incident and the restaurant sustained severe smoke damage.
Source: http://www.livingstondaily.com/story/news/2015/11/16/fire-closes-genoa-mcdonalds/75865592/

Dams Sector

23. *November 16, WOSU 820 AM Columbus* – (Ohio) **$150 million dam construction project begins at Buckeye Lake.** The Ohio State senator announced that phase one, the installation of a stability berm at a dam in Buckeye Lake in Ohio, began November 16 and is expected to be completed by June 2016. The project is part of a $150 million plan to update and repair the dam, which is scheduled to be completed between 2018 and 2019.
Source: http://radio.wosu.org/post/150-million-dam-construction-project-begins-buckeye-lake#stream/0

24. *November 16, Detroit News* – (National) **Army Corps gets $1.35M to study upgrade for Soo Locks.** The U.S. President's administration approved $1.35 million in funding November 16 to study and make potential upgrades by adding an additional shipping lock on the river that connects Lakes Huron and Superior in Michigan. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requested the study after it determined that only 1 of the 4 aging locks in Sault Ste. Marie is large enough to handle ships that carry 70 percent of the cargo, and following reports of mechanical issues in August that shut 1 of the 2 main locks.
Source: http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/16/army-corps-engineer-fed-funds/75903696/

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